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Dated: June 18, 2004

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: I. McRury et al.

Application No.: 10/024,625

Filed: December 18, 2001

For: SUTURE WELDING SYSTEM AND METHOD

Group Art Unit: 3731

Examiner: B. Pantuck

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**PETITION FOR ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

Dear Sir:

Applicants petition a one-month extension of time pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action dated March 5, 2004.

Enclosed is a check with the appropriate fee of \$110.00 based on large entity status. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees in connection with this communication or credit any over payment to our Deposit Account No. 141449, Reference No. 22956-71. A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed.

Dated: June 18, 2004

Respectfully submitted,

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